

**REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN AFRICA**

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*The Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development organised a Roundtable on Economic and Social Issues in Africa on November 15, 2001. It was the second of two preparatory Roundtables in advance of the National Forum on Canada's Foreign Relations, this year on Africa. Experts, academics, NGOs and government officials met to address economic and social issues in Africa and to recommend possible questions/issues for discussion at the National Forum. Participants included: John Serieux (Carleton University), Anna Kikwa (Tanzania Gender Network), Gauri Sreenivasan (CCIC, Africa-Canada Forum), Roy Culpeper (North-South Institute) and Frank Ruddock (Pan-African Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade). The first preparatory Roundtable examined Good Governance in Africa on October 25, 2001.<sup>1</sup>*

**National Forum 2001:**

- National Forum Meeting 1: Toronto, Ontario (January 25, 2002)
- National Forum Meeting 2: Montreal, Quebec (February 8, 2002)
- National Forum Meeting 3: Saint John, New Brunswick (February 15, 2002)
- National Forum Meeting 4: Vancouver, British Columbia (February 25, 2002)

For more information on this year's National Forum and reports from previous years, please visit:

<http://www.cfp-pec.gc.ca/NationalForum/nati-e.htm>

**1. Introduction**

Steven Lee (Chair) welcomed all the participants to the Roundtable. He said that the mandate of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development is to help Canadians contribute to foreign policy making. As well as funding policy development projects and organising roundtables, the Centre holds the annual National Forum on Canada's International Relations. This year, the National Forum will contribute to the development of Canada's Africa policies and takes place in the context of both, the Prime Minister's Africa focus for the G-8 Summit agenda, and the *New Partnership for Africa's Development*, outlined by African leaders (earlier known as the New Africa Initiative).

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<sup>1</sup>See, The Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, *Summary Report from the Roundtable on Good Governance and Africa* (Ottawa, 25 October, 2001), No 4008.1E.

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